Lee Harvey Oswald cringes as he is struck by bullet fired by Jack Ruby in basement of Dallas jail. (Dallas Times Herald photo via UPI)

US helped Oswald return from Russia

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The following are a few of the many items contained in the FBI files on the assassination of John F. Kennedy, which were released yesterday:

An FBI memo said the Justice Department tried to get one of its own lawyers on the Warren Commission investigating the Kennedy assassination "so that we will know what is going on."

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Lee Harvey Oswald considered himself a Marxist when he was 16, before he joined the Marine Corps, and wrote to the Socialist Party in New York asking for information, according to an FBI document.

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Thirteen pages of one document are filled with pictures of strippers "Tammie True" and "Little Lynn" frolicking in various stages of undress at Jack Ruby's Dallas nightclub. One page bears a notation that "Little Lynn" was arrested at Ruby's pre-trial hearing in the killing of Oswald for carrying a gun in her purse.

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It took five single-spaced typewritten pages to list assorted items FBI agents found in their search of the white 1960 Oldsmoblie Jack Ruby left at the curb when he entered Dallas City Hall and shot Oswald.

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The State Department, hoping to avoid damage to US prestige abroad, gave Oswald a US passport in 1961 and paid for his trip home from the Soviet Union. The bureau indicated Oswald was aided because he had not renounced his US citizenship. His loyalty to the Untied States was not a consideration. The cost was $435.71, which Oswald repaid.

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A 1953 court-ordered psychiatric profile of 13-year-old Oswald found him to be seriously detached and withdrawn with delusions of power which could one day prove harmful. According to FBI documents released Wednesday, the children's probate court of New York ordered the examination because of Oswald's excessive absences from school.

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J. Edgar Hoover issued handwritten orders to muzzle an agent quoted as saying the FBI knew beforehand that Oswald was capable of assassinating John Kennedy. Hoover's orders and comments about Dallas agent James P. Hosty were scrawled on the bottom of interoffice memos and signed "H." "Tell Dallas to tell Hosty to keep his mouth shut," one memo said. "He has already done irreparable harm." Hoover earlier had issued an official denial of news reports on the issue.

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A schoolgirl who wrote to the FBI asking for information about Oswald for her civics class ended up with no information, but with a file on her by the FBI. Diane Fleddermann of St. Louis, in a handwritten letter in December 1963, asked the FBI for the information and got a letter back from Hoover saying he could not help her since the assassination was still under investigation. But the letter also started an FBI file on her with the notation that she could not be identified anywhere else in the bureau's records.

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Marina Oswald told the FBI that if her husband had meant to kill President Kennedy "one shot would have been enough," and perhaps Texas Gov. John Connally was his real target. An FBI agent who interviewed Mrs. Oswald quoted her as saying, "Oswald never gave any indication whatsoever that he intended any harm to the President."